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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6117

BILL NUMBER: HB 1295

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 15, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Exemption of Farm Drainage Components from Sales Tax.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heaton

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a component of a farm drainage system is exempt from Sales Tax if a farmer acquires the component. The bill provides that equipment used to install, repair, or maintain a farm drainage system is exempt from Sales Tax if the equipment is acquired by a farmer.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Department of State Revenue (DOR):* This bill will result in an increase in administrative costs for the DOR by requiring the DOR to revise Sales Tax forms as well as update computer software to incorporate the exemption. It is estimated that the DOR will be able to implement this provision with its existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Impact on Sales Tax Revenue:* This bill would decrease Sales Tax revenue by an indeterminable amount. The bill exempts from Sales Tax a component of a farm drainage system purchased by a farmer and equipment used to install, repair, or maintain a farm drainage system if a farmer acquires the equipment. The impact on revenue will ultimately depend on the volume of sales of such items. Prices of such equipment could range from \$10,000 to \$400,000.

Sales Tax revenue is deposited in the state General Fund (99.848%) the Commuter Rail Service Fund (0.123%), and the Industrial Rail Service Fund (0.029%).

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local revenues will be impacted to the extent that a local unit receives

funds from the Commuter Rail Service Fund or the Industrial Rail Service Fund.

State Agencies Affected: DOR.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units.

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